

## **CHAPTER 1**

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **A. Background of the Study**

In this modern era, people are endeavor to change their lives. They think they can change their lives with make social change. One of social change is Social Mobility. People believe that the higher society would make them richer and also make them happier. Social mobility is the movement of individuals, families and groups from lower to higher or higher to lower (Goldhamer, 1968, p. 429).

According to Bernard Barber (p. 356-357), Social mobility is the movement which can downward or upward, between higher or lower. So it can be inferred that Social Mobility could mean a development or relocation of people starting with one position onto the other position. Where the new position can be situated higher or lower. So the researcher can conclude that the definition of social mobility is a movement from one class into another class or movement from other level to another level that different which is the structure of social is specific pattern that organize organization in a group social (Bernard Barber p.356-357).

There are some literatures, which adapt the social mobility issue. The example is Charles Dickens .Charles Dickens arrange an example of the ambition of the class mobility. The novel illustrated many kinds of social classes which range from a diligent, hardworking farmer (Joe) to a good natured middle class man (Mr. Wemmick) to a rich and beautiful young girl (Estella). Pip, specifically, raise in the social pyramid from an ordinary boy to a gentleman with great expectations. With his rise in society, he also change his attitude, from being a caring child to a phlegmatic gentleman and finally pip try to be a gentleman.

Charles Dickens Charles Dickens is one of the novelists who influenced the novel world. He was born in Portsmouth, England on February, 7, 1812. He is the second from eight children. John Dickens, father of Charles Dickens is

someone who dreams of becoming a rich man. Elizabeth Barrow, the mother of Charles Dickens that wants be a teacher and school director. In 1861, the Charles Dickens family moved to Chatham, Kent, where Charles Dickens grew into a teenager in a rural area and in an old palace in Rochester. In 1822, Dickens family moved to Camden Town, a poor neighborhood in London. And then the financial condition of the Charles Dickens family is disrupted because of his bad habits of excessive use of money. Finally, John went to jail because having much debt in 1824. Charles Dickens was forced to leave school to work in a shoe factory in the Thames. In 1827, Charles Dickens had to quit school and work to provide income to the family and it is the first stage become the starting point of his journey in writing. And after the long year, Charles Dickens wrote some novels such as *Oliver Twist*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Nicholas Nickleby*, *David Copperfield*, *A Tale of Two Cities* and the last is *Great Expectation*.

*Great expectations* is an old novel, it is also a good novel because it tells about a man from a poor family after he was growing up he was thinking to change his life for the better. And when his uncle offered a pip to wander into a town to be royalty and then he took that chance. On arrival in the city he received the money, the house and its power over time he can't maintain what has get it, he was beside himself and dissipate, he drink too much until one day the people who provide the money and the house was upset and angry because pip not used properly and all the facilities it finally stopped and immediately pip has a lot of debt as a result of behavior to dissipate them. Pip cannot pay all of it and his adopted father was the one who paid all the debts when once pip been forgotten with the adoptive.

*Great Expectations* printed in December 1860 to April 1861. And in July 1861 just appeared to be a novel containing 3 volumes and became the whole novel in November 1862. This novel tells about the journey of a protagonist during his life. *Great expectations* became one of Charles Dickens' greatest achievements during his writing career. *Great Expectations* is written using a first person perspective and the use of language and grammar as usual. Title *Great Expectations* refers to the 'Great Expectations' Pip new one becomes rich. *Great*

Expectations is a bildungsroman, a novel that tells the story of the growth and development of his character, in this case the pip after getting something that he want which he realize he became forget themselves and forget where he come from.

The first stage began with a boy named Pip, an orphan boy who lives with his sister and brother-in law, the blacksmith, called Joe. When pip walking through the swamp and then he meets a prisoner who escaped from jail. That man want pip to bring his food and irons. The next day, there are 2 police come to pip's house to looking for the man who escaped from jail and then the police successful catch the man. Someday pip meets Miss Havisham, a rich old maiden, always wearing a wedding dress and staying at Satis House, asked Uncle Pumblechook (who is actually Uncle Joe's) to find a boy as a friend of the girl he adopted Estella. Pip started to visit Miss Havisham and Estella's house.

Uncle Pumblechook arranges for have Pip come to Miss Havisham's house to visit and play. Then Pip meets Estella and falls in love with Estella. Pip came back to Miss Havisham's house for 10 months. Miss Havisham rewarded Pip for his service all along but Pip is unhappy with his current position and Pip wants to be a gentleman in order to get his love for Estella. One day came a lawyer named Mr Jaggers. He wanted to tell Pip that someone wanted to give his property to Pip and get Pip to go to London to become a gentleman. Pip believes that someone who give the wealth for him is Miss Havisham.

The second stage of Pip's life takes place in London where Pip has a new friend and he is Herbert Pocket. Pip and his friends live splurge until finally they have a lot of debt. Finally came Mr. Jaggers came home with Pip with Mr Wemmick and they told him about Miss Havisham's life background and about her failed marriage. Pip finally knows that someone who gave him wealth is not Miss Havisham but Magwitch.

The third stage in Pip's life there are some mysteries that finally unfold. Firstly about Compeyson, he is a prisoner who is a drowning Magwitch enemy who will be saved. Secondly, Pip knew who Estella's real father and mother were. Thirdly, Magwitch is someone who gave his treasure to Pip and he has died

in prison. Fourthly, Pip becomes an employee with Herbert and he returns to meet Estella at Satis House and finally they live happily ever after.

Great Expectations is one of Charles Dickens' best known works. Popular both with readers and literary critics, it has been translated into many languages and becoming numerous times into various media. In 2002, Great Expectations was included in a Guardian poll of at the top 100 books of all time, approved by writers from around the world (the only Dickens works to make the 100). In 2003, Great Expectations came in 17th place in a search by the BBC for the nation's best-loved novel, the highest Dickens novel in a compilation of the top 200 works. Also in the poll was David Copperfield, A Christmas Carol, A Tale of Two Cities, Bleak House, The Pickwick Papers and Oliver Twist. In 2008, Great Expectations was ranked 10th in the search and included 100 books high in search and followed by other works of Charles Dickens which are Bleak House, David Copperfield, A Tale of Two Cities, Oliver Twist and A Christmas Carol. In 2012, Time magazine placed Great Expectations second in a feature on Dickens' Greatest Novels (beaten by Bleak House).

Great Expectations has been adapted for stage and screen over 250 times. Great Expectations is written in the style of bildungsroman, which follows the story of a man and woman in their quest for maturity, usually starting from childhood and ending in the main character's eventual adulthood.

This novel includes a semi autobiography from a famous writer Charles Dickens, which contains about Charles Dickens's own life experiences or even the experiences of others. There are some reasons why the researcher choose to studying this novel. Great Expectations is a play about a man who forget his self and became a rich man who always using a money to buy something useless, Charles Dickens also describes about social mobility which happened in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. He also makes every character play the role with a strong character. This play reflecting the social condition in 18<sup>th</sup> century. The second reasons is the researcher really interested with Pip who did social mobility with some factors.

Based on the illustration above, the researcher want to analyze this play using Marxist Approach entitled **Social Mobility in Charles Dickens' Great Expectations novel (1861): A Marxist Analysis.**

#### **B. Problem Statement**

1. What are the indicators of social mobility?
2. How is social mobility depicted in *Great Expectations*?
3. Why did the author specifically address social mobility in *Great Expectations*?

#### **C. Objectives of Study**

1. To describe the kinds of indicators of social mobility in *Great Expectations*.
2. To describe how the social mobility depicted in *Great Expectations*.
3. To reveal the reason why the author address social mobility in *Great Expectations*.

#### **D. Benefits of the Study**

1. Theoretically, this study can be a positive adding and positive information contribution to the teacher that study literary study in Pip's works *Great Expectations*.
2. Practically, this paper could give the significance information for all people who needed, especially for students of English Department in order to increase their knowledge in analyzing *Great Expectations* novel using Marxist Theory.